

# **STAFF REPORT**

## *City Council Consent Item*

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**DATE:** October 21, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Amy Nilsen, Interim City Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Authorize the Interim City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with People of New Directions for Cleanup and Outreach Services**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with People of New Directions (New Directions) not to exceed \$15,000.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The City of Fortuna contracted with New Directions to conduct outreach and cleanup services for the past two years. The primary focus of the contract was to clean up illegal camps and to provide information and assistance to people in need of housing or to recover from substance abuse. The New Directions contract expired on June 30, 2024 and is therefore before your council to approve a current contract.

On September 26, 2024 the Police Chief, Finance Director, General Services Superintendent and Interim City Manager met with John Shelter to discuss the services New Directions provides, and to get a sense of whether the organization will continue to serve the needs of the City on a more consistent basis. Mr. Shelter indicated New Directions is able to provide consistent services to the City of Fortuna.

The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget included an allocation of \$15,000 for cleanup and outreach services to \$15,000.

Staff is recommending that the council approve a contract with New Directions to provide cleanup and outreach services between now and the end of the fiscal year with a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000. A draft contract is attached to this staff report.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of a contract with New Directions for \$15,000 is within the approved budget for this fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to Authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with New Directions not to exceed \$15,000. Consent Agenda Vote

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- New Directions Contract
- New Directions Rate Schedule